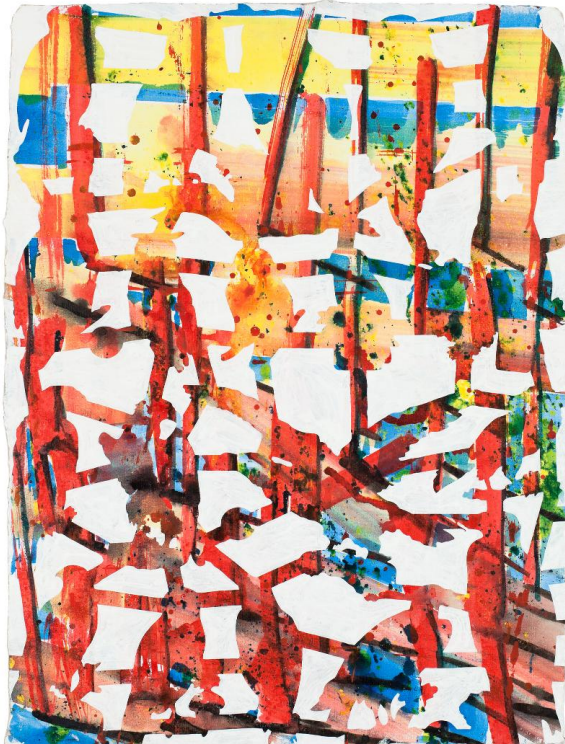




McClain Gallery presents Bo Joseph

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McClain Gallery will present "Empire of Spoils," an exhibit featuring the art of Bo Joseph, May 12 to June 23. The show will be the New York-based artist's first at the gallery and will feature recent work, ranging from large scale tonal drawings to bold high-contrast paintings, according to a press release. According to the release, Joseph works from printed sources, including auction catalogs and books, to find objects, such as masks and ceremonial items, from various cultures. Creating stencils out of these found elemental forms and abstractions, Joseph's translations retain their dynamism and relevance

outside their original contexts. Joseph studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and has been showing his work since the early 1990s. Among the awards and honors he's received are the Basil H. Alkazzi Award, and fellowships in painting from Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. He has been a visiting artist/lecturer at the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth, Mass., and the Rhode Island School of Design where he also taught drawing. His work can be found in museums such as the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Mo.; and Guilin Art Museum in China. An artist's reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. on May 12. The gallery is located at 2242 Richmond Ave. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.mcclaingallery.com.